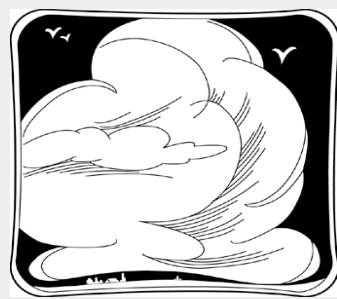


Weather Corner



Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the evening.

Thursday...Warmer... Windy. Partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 90. South winds 20 to 30 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 35 mph in the evening.

Friday...Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday and Sunday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday and Monday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

St. Francis teen plans run for Children's Hospital

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If you get winded running up a flight of stairs, you might think he's crazy, but a St. Francis teen plans to run over 70 miles to raise money for kids with cancer and heart problems.

Robert James Herman III, 15, befriended kids at Children's Hospital in Denver while he was fighting for his life. Now that he is better, he wants to do something to help them and raise awareness of what children with health problems go through and what they are capable of.

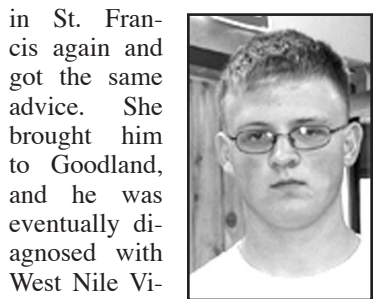
Robbie says he plans to run from the park at the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Francis to Gulick Park by the Sherman County Courthouse and then back to St. Francis on Wednesday, June 4.

He's looking for some runners to join him, at least part of the way, and for sponsorships and donations. Call him at (785) 332-2543 or send donations to 320 Webster, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

When he was in the fifth grade, he said, he went to a Boy Scout camp in Kiowa, where he found a tick on his stomach and was bitten by a mosquito. After he got home, said his mother Jeanie Herman, he got really sick.

He started complaining he had a headache, she said, and he had never had one before, so she took him to the emergency room at Cheyenne County Hospital. She said they told her to take him home, give him a couple of aspirin and come back if he's not better in the morning. Since he couldn't even hold his head up, she felt it was more serious than that, so she brought him to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

When he had a 104-degree fever and was vomiting, she said, and they couldn't get his fever to go down, she took him to the hospital



Herman

in St. Francis again and got the same advice. She brought him to Goodland, and he was eventually diagnosed with West Nile Virus and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (which is transmitted by ticks.)

He also had a brain tumor and ended up having nine surgeries, Mrs. Herman said, the final one to put a shunt in to keep fluid from building up in the brain. Each time he had surgery, she said, it took six months to recover, and they didn't

shave his head for surgery but instead, held his hair down with grease, which takes a long time to remove.

But she's just glad her son is still alive. She calls him a miracle kid.

Doctors said the tumor had been growing since he was born, Mrs. Herman said, and just hadn't been noticed before, but they don't know what caused it. Tumors can be aggravated by headaches and high fevers, she said, so the illnesses probably made it grow faster. The steroids he had to take didn't help either, she said; he really ballooned up, so much that

friends were afraid of him until they saw who he was. He went into the hospital weighing 130 pounds, she said, and came out weighing 210.

When Robbie was prepped for his next-to-last surgery at Children's, his mother said, a boy came in who had been shot in the face, and doctors asked if they could delay Robbie's surgery to operate on him. They were able to save his face, she said, and he will be here to support Robbie's run.

Robbie said he has been training for his fundraiser by running up to eight miles at a time. Doctors have cleared him for the run, his mother

said, and his coach knows he can do it.

He has the willpower, she said; he would do anything for the kids. People don't realize some of those kids will never run or walk again, Robbie said, adding that he wants people to know that someone cares about them.

He also wants to show people that kids with medical problems can do a lot of things — they just need to do it slower than others.

Runners can join Robbie at several points along the route, including Wheeler, the county line and Fred and Jeanie Schields' farm north of Goodland.

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